

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4443

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

S E C R E T HONG KONG 3598

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI PINT

SUBJ: FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH TRAN VAN DON

REF: HONG KONG 3525

VICE PREMIER DON RETURNED FOR LONG DISCUSSION THIS AFTERNOON WHICH BOILED DOWN TO HIS ESTIMATION THAT NGUYEN CAO KY WAS THE ONLY MAN CAPABLE OF PROVIDING MOTIVATION TO ARVN AND THEREBY RESTORING POPULAR MORALE. DISCLAIMING ANY DESIGNS ON OFFICES FOR HIMSELF, DON FELT THIEU NEED NOT STEP DOWN BUT SHOULD TRANSFER AT LEAST MILITARY POWERS TO KY. DON STATED THAT THIS WOULD BE HIS MESSAGE TO THIEU AND OTHER LEADERS. WHILE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO ASKING FOR US INTERFERENCE, HE DID CONCLUDE WITH ASSERTION THAT US SHOULD SIMILARLY ADVISE THIEU. DON INTENDS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH US OFFICIALS IN SAIGON BUT EXPECT TO BE SO BUSY AFTER ARRIVAL TOMORROW AM (HE HAS ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH THIEU PM SATURDAY) THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO FOR SEVERAL DAYS.  
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